

30. The body section according to claim 27, wherein said metal profile includes a flange which is adapted to support a pillar.

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner indicated that a proper information disclosure statement has not been submitted. Applicant has submitted an information disclosure statement herewith.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not including a vehicle door as recited in the former claim 29. Claim 29 has been amended and therefore, this objection to the drawings is now moot.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to paragraphs 8, 11 and 46 of the specification as having language that is awkward and unclear. Applicant has amended the language in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant has further amended the abstract to remove terms such as "means" and "said."

35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 25-26 and 28-30 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has accordingly amended claims 25-26, 28 and 30.

35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 25-26 as being anticipated by Hopton. Applicant has amended claims 25 to indicating that the present invention is formed from a single sheet of metal which results in high bending strength with low gauge thickness.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claim 27 is allowed and claims 28-30 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112. Applicant has amended claims 28-30 and accordingly, these claims should be in a condition for allowance along with the remaining amended claims.

CONCLUSION

The application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference will in any way expedite the Examiner's consideration of this application, such a call is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one month extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 from Deposit Account No. 06-1510. Accordingly, a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose. It is believed that no other fees are due at this time. To the extent additional fees or credits are warranted, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

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Marked up claims and specification:

In The Specification:

[0008] The object of the present invention is to provide a profile that overcomes the above problems, and makes it possible to provide a high bending strength [counted per kg profile] while maintaining a low gauge thickness.

Kindly replace paragraph 11 with the following paragraph.

[0011] These and other objects are achieved by a profile [according to claim 1] and a body section [according to claim 11] according to the present invention, which makes it possible to achieve a high bending stiffness with extremely low gauge thickness. Preferred embodiments of the invention are given by the depending claims.

Kindly replace paragraph 46 with the following paragraph.

[0046] Referring to Figure 3 a metal profile 1 according to the invention that is provided with stiffener means 13 is shown. Preferably at least one of said support walls 2a, 2b of said internal section are provided with stiffener means 13. The stiffness is provided by e.g. adding stiffener means such as [[verticals]], reinforcements for [[hobbing off]] the support walls 2a, 2b, adding thickness to the supportive walls 2a, 2b or any other related means to provide stiffness. This will further increase the stiffness of the metal profile 1 of the present invention.

Kindly replace the abstract with the following paragraph.

The present invention relates to a metal profile (1) for a vehicle body section, [.] [said] The profile includes [comprising] side walls (10a, 10b), a base plate (8) and two support walls (2a, 2b) [said] walls (2a, 2b, 10a, 10b) and a base plate (8) constituting a sectional area with at least three hollow sections (6a, 6b, 7). [Said] The base plate (8) and [said] support walls (2a, 2b) constitute an internal section (7), of [said] the metal profile with a substantially triangular sectional area. [.] The [said] internal triangular section (7) having substantially three corners (9, 11, 12). The invention also relates to a body section and a vehicle that includes the [comprises said] metal profile.

CLAIMS

25. A metal profile for a vehicle body section, said profile comprising:
 - at least two side walls;
 - a base plate and
 - at least two support walls, wherein said at least two side walls and said base plate and said at least two support walls constitute an internal section of said metal profile with a substantially triangular sectional area, and said at least two side walls, said base plate and said at least two support walls are formed from a single sheet of metal. [said metal profile is provided with stiffener means, said internal triangular section having substantially three corners.]

26. A metal profile according to claim 25, wherein at least one of said support walls of said internal section includes [a stiffener means] a reinforcement to provide added stiffness.

28. The body section according to claim 27, wherein said metal profile includes a flange which is adapted to support a roof bow [is attached to said metal profile supported by a flange of the metal profile]. (See paragraph 47)

29. (AMENDED) The body section according to claim 27, wherein said metal profile includes a flange which is adaptable to support a door seal. [of said metal profile provides a sealing flange for a vehicle door.]

30. The body section according to claim 27, wherein said metal profile includes a flange which is adapted to support a pillar [is attached to said metal profile supported by a flange of said metal profile]. (see paragraph 48)

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